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WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 HELD ON ZOOM

A meeting of the **WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE** was held on **SEPTEMBER 29, 2021** on **ZOOM**. Members attending via Zoom were Doreen DeFazio, Maura McCormack, and Cherilyn Reno. Select Board Chair Peter Carlson was also in attendance and hosted the meeting.

Select Board Chair Peter Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Carlson read the documentation dealing with the Governor's order concerning remote participation in Open Meetings. All votes during this meeting will be taken by roll call.

The three members present introduced themselves to each other and to the public.

Agenda Item: Organization

Mr. Carlson outlined the duties of the three suggested officers: Chair, Vice-chair, and Clerk. After discussion between Mr. Carlson and the members present, the following motions were made and voted upon.

Ms. Reno moved to nominate Doreen DeFazio as Chair of the committee. Ms. McCormack seconded. The motion carried 3-0 with all members present voting aye.

Ms. Reno moved to nominate Maura McCormack as Vice-chair of the committee. Ms. DeFazio seconded. The motion carried 3-0 with all members present voting aye.

Ms. McCormack moved to nominate Cherilyn Reno as Clerk of the committee. Ms. Reno seconded. The motion carried 3-0 with all members present voting aye.

After congratulating the new officers, Mr. Carlson transferred hosting of the meeting to Ms. DeFazio then left the meeting.

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Agenda Item: Discussion of Charge

Ms. DeFazio led a discussion of the charge for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee. She is the Select Board member who suggested initiation of this committee to update Grafton's knowledge and position on waste reduction and recycling, as the current system has been in place for over 11 years.

Ms. DeFazio explained that she would like the committee to cover waste reduction very broadly, including as many ways to reduce the Town's waste stream as possible. The members discussed the FB Group Green Up Grafton, which has worked to initiate a composting program among Grafton residents and which shares information about recycling opportunities. Ms. DeFazio suggested that as a committee we should promote waste reduction through reuse, as an addition to recycling, and that we should investigate ways to reduce the tonnage of waste that is discarded through Grafton's Pay-as-you-Throw program.

Agenda Item: Meeting Scheduling and Future Agenda Planning

After some discussion among the members, it was decided that the committee would plan to meet once a month, and to continue to meet over Zoom for the present. The members decided to return to in person meetings when feasible. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Ms. DeFazio led a discussion on what the members would like to see on future agendas. It was agreed upon that the agenda for the next meeting would include:

- 1) a discussion of Grafton's current contract for waste management with E.L. Harvey, including a discussion of exactly which materials are currently acceptable and unacceptable for inclusion in the single-stream recycling bins;
- 2) an invitation for B.J. Harvey to attend the meeting and participate in said discussion; and
- 3) a discussion of Grafton's current contract with Wheelabrator, including the minimum and maximum tonnage involved and how many years into the current contract Grafton is.

Ms. DeFazio proposed future field trips to E.L. Harvey's and Wheelabrator's facilities for the members of the committee, which Ms. Reno and Ms. McCormack agreed would be a good idea.

Adjournment

Ms. Reno made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCormack. The motion carried 3-0 with all members present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes were revised from the original to correct the date of the meeting.